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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/562811</b>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/009338		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 1 July 2004 (01.07.2004)		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 4 July 2003 (04.07.2003)	
TITLE OF INVENTION  <b>TUBE CONNECTING APPARATUS</b>					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>SANO, Hiroaki; NAGASHIMADA, Masaru; ISHIDA, Shinji; FUJIHARA, Hideya; and YAMANUSHI, Satoshi</b>					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission to items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (22) indicated below.					
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).					
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).					
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.					
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.					
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).					
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).					
<b>Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>					
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.					
12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.					
14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.					
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.					
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.					
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.					
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:					
1) General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees					
2) Application Data Sheet					
3) Form PCT/ISA/210 (International Search Report)					

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: <u>TERUMO KABUSHIKI KAISHA, Tokyo, Japan</u>      				<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>      	
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22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:					
Basic Filing Fee (1631)				\$ 300.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 (1617) for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	
Total Claims	12 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00 (1615)	\$ 0.00	
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00 (1614)	\$ 0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00 (1616)	
Examination Fee				+ \$200.00 (1633)	\$ 200.00
Search Fee				+ \$400.00 (1632)	\$ 400.00
App. Size Fee (add \$250.00 for each add'l 50 sheets exceeding 100 sheets)					
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				+	\$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 900.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 (1618) for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$ 0.00	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 900.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 (8021) per property +				\$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 940.00	
				Amount to be refunded :	
				charged :	

a. ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

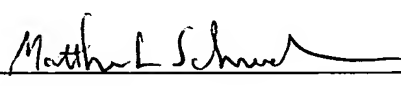
b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4800 in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

d. ☒ Charge \$ 940.00 to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
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Hiroaki SANO et al.	)	Group Art Unit:
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Application No.: Unassigned	)	Examiner:
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**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PETITIONS  
FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME AND PAYMENT OF FEES**

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby provided with a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as containing a request therefor for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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